

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:117

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Jigyasa

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct a programme named "Jigyasa" to facilitate interaction and interface between the school students and the scientists so that the students can make progress in the field of science and technology;
- (b) whether his Ministry has signed a MoU with CSIR in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details including the aims and objectives thereof and the benefits likely to accrue to the students; and
- (d) the time by which such programmes are likely to start in various parts of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 117 RAISED BY SHRI SHER SINGH GHUBAYA & SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2017 REGARDING JIGYASA.

(a) to (d) To inculcate scientific temper among school children, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Department of Scientific and Industrial Research has institutionalised 'JIGYASA' – a school connect programme targeting scientists – student interaction. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and CSIR on 6th July, 2017 for implementing the programme in the Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs). The likely benefits to accrue to the students are:-

- bringing in the school students, teachers and scientists on a single platform for nurturing young minds;
- open up national scientific facilities and CSIR scientific knowledge base to be utilized by school children;
- connects nearly 350 KVs with 38 CSIR laboratories to begin with. The programme on its scaling up on pan India basis is likely to benefit about 75000 to 1 lakh students of KVs annually;
- enables the students and teachers understand the theoretical concepts of science through hands on experience and field visits.
